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AN ORDER MADE TO A SELECT COMMITTEE:

CHOSEN
By the whole House of COMMONS
to receive Petitions touching
MINISTERS.

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S John Wray,

And the Knights and Burgeſſes of Northumberland, Wales, Lancaſhire and Cumberland; and the Burgeſſes of Canterbury.

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THis COMMITTEE is to take into their Conſideration, the Petition of the Inhabitants of Huyendam in the County of Buckingham and all other Petitioners of that nature; and alſo to conſider how there may be preaching Miniſters ſet up where there are none, and how thoſe preaching Miniſters may be maintained, where there is no maintenance, and when they are in, how they may be kept and maintained, and to receive all other Petitions of the like nature.

And it is further ordered, That the COMMITTEE ſhall have power to ſend for Parties, Witneſſes, Writings, and Records, that may conduce to the buſineſſe in queſtion before them. This was a Sub-Committee made by the grand COMMITTEE for Religion. And it is this day ordered, that this Committee ſhall from the houſe have the like power it formerly had, and conſider and enquire

of the true ground, and cauſes of the great ſcarcitie of preaching Miniſters, throughout the whole Kingdome. And to conſider of ſome way for remooving of ſcandalous Miniſters, and putting others in their places.

And it is further ordered, that all the Knights and Burgeſſes for every Countie bee required from this houſe, both upon their own knowledge, and upon Information from the ſeverall Counties where they dwell, vvithin ſixe Weekes to informe this houſe of the State and Conditions of their Counties concerning Preaching Miniſters, and vvhence it ariſeth there is ſuch a ſcarcitie of them throughout the Kingdome.

It is earneſtly deſired, and expected by the Parliament, that all ingenious perſons in every Countie of the Kingdome, vvill be very active to improve the preſent opportunitie, by giving a true Information of all the Pariſhes in their ſeverall Counties.

Firſt, vvhere there are men of more then one Benefice,

Benefice, and vvhat ſuch mens Revenues are reputed to be.

Secondly, vvhere there is no maintenance, or too little maintenance for a Preaching Miniſter.

Thirdly, Where there is no Preaching, or ſeldome Preaching.

Fourthly, Where there are perſecuting, Innovating, or ſcandalous Miniſters, that they may be put out, and order taken for better to be put in their places.

A Committee is choſen purpoſely to receive Petitions, and Informations of this nature, and to take ſpeciall care about ſo vveighty a buſineſſe. The Committee deſires Informations from all parties, if it be poſsible vvithin this moneth, as appeareth by the order given out by the Parliament, the nineteenth of this inſtant December. 1640.

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